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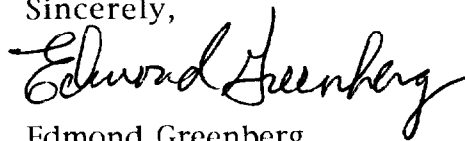
Dear Commissioner:

Antibiotics used to treat human disease are consistently fed to poultry, cattle and pigs to speed their growth or counteract the effects of crowded living conditions and poor hygiene. Mounting evidence shows that the routine use of human antibiotics in livestock may diminish the drug's ability to cure infections in people.

As the Food and Drug Administration has the responsibility to ensure that the use of antibiotics on farms does not endanger human health, I urge you to not allow an antibiotic to be used in livestock feed if that antibiotic is used in human medicine. I agree with the Europeans on this matter.

Also, if genetic engineering of agriculture products is going to be allowed, then I feel strongly that they should be labeled as such. In that way, I as a consumer, have the choice to buy or not to buy them. I feel the same thing should be the case for food that has been radiated and then is placed in the market place. It should be labeled as radiated so that I can make a knowledgeable choice.

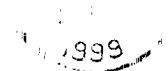
Sincerely,


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